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Junkers Seize the German Government; Ebert Flees; Hindenburg May Be Called In

Allies Have 268,000 Men In Germany

American Patrol Along Rhine Numbers 12,000 Combatant Troops, Part of Occupation Army

Revolt Tragedy to Country, U. S. View Military Strength Which

May Be Mobilized by Berlin Put at 325,000 From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 13 .- Officials of the State Department said to-day that, in their opinion, the revolt in Germany was nothing less than a tragedy

should the revolutionists refuse to tice was not questioned in army circles. | begun.

partment to-day to include 774 officers

cludes the Reichswehr, known as the real army of the Empire, totaling 250, 400 men, and the Sicherheitz Polizer, or state constabulary forces, numbering 75,000. In addition there are 50,000 odds and ends, including some small detachments of historic Germany.

The Ebert government in Germany were due to plots of the junkers or stablished its seat in Dresden, the capital of Saxony, according to advices this afternoon.

The home guards are estimated from 300,000 to 2,000,000, but hardly more than 500,000 would be gathered together for real military service. There also are some nondescript troops, made up largely of detachments that are used in clerical capacity and administrative work and some few companies that have not been totally demobilized.

Earlier Dispatches Confirmed

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"Noske has left Berlin. According to information available, other ministers in the Ebert Cabinet also have gone from the city. Mueller is said to be in the custody of the revolutionists. The troops that have been serving under Noske are said to have joined the revolutionists. The independent Socialists have declared a gen-

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Army Conference Called at Coblenz

COBLENZ, March 13. - A meeting will be held on Monday at French headquarters in Mayence, between Marshal Foch, Field Marshal Str Henry H. Wilson, chief of the British Imperial Staff, and Major General Henry T. Allen, commander in chief of the American Army of Occupa-

Allies to Let Berlin Decide Its Own Fate

Paris Regards Revolution as Unfortunate, but Is in Favor of "Hands Off" Policy; Germans Jubilant

PARIS, March 13-The opinion expressed in official circles at the mo- tective measures as the result of the ment is that the Allied governments overthrow of the Ebert government by and Great Britain be- will take an attitude of aloofness and monarchist leaders in Berlin, according detachment toward the civil strife in to advices received from Paris to-night. Germany and permit the German peoermistice under the penalty of active ple themselves to determine the form cited, and they are inclined to magnify The certainty that American troops orders in Germany are looked upon as coincides with their opinion of the natrolling the Rhine would be used most unfortunate, both for that coun- German situation. They have long felt the time when reconstruction had been had not been sufficiently curbed for the

The news of the development in Ber- | London was startled as the first re-Secretary of War Baker declined to make known what position this govern- lin was received by a considerable part ports came from Berlin, for previous Allied armies of occupation and as such may be directed to penetrate ambassadors of the United States, England, Italy, Japan, Spain and Belgium indication that the trouble was serious. Germany by Marshal Foch, the supreme and numerous foreign office officials First reports from the German capwere present. The news reached the ital said troops were marching on the Allied military commander.

The American forces on the Rhine It was was being seated. It was being seated. It was was being seated. It was whispered to President Deschatotal more than 12,000 combatant and and spread along the tobles. troops, with 3,000 service of supply either side of him, and became at once attempt to overthrow the government.

from time to time during the luncheon

The proclamation declared the National Assembly dissolved and announced that a new government had been formed. The Socialist parties in Germany have declared a general

Council Will Plan Measure Of Protection

Allies Issue Call for Extraordinary Session to Consider Overthrow of Ebert in Germany

London and Paris Startled by News

Counter Measures From Left Radicals Seen, Says Berlin Dispatch

By Arthur S. Draper

LONDON, March 13 .- The Allied

of their government. The armed dis- the seriousness of the uprising, for it try and the remainder of Europe, at that the militarist group in Germany safety of Europe.

make known what position this govern-ment may take should military steps be of the official and diplomatic world at advices that militarist groups were fobut it was pointed out that the Hotel Continental, where the for- menting revolt were taken to indicate the American command, under Major that the American command, under Major luncheon to President Deschanel. The of handling the situation. Reports filed

nel and spread along the tables on warn them of the consequences of any reached the Tiergarten station and had Telephone messages were received proclaimed Dr. von Kapp Chancellor.

thich still remain in France and Bel- repeating the telegraphic reports of reached Wilhelmstrasse, along which repeating the telegraphic reports of the happenings in the German capital president Deschanel in his speech did not refer to the events in Germany.

The French force in German territory is slightly greater than 150,000. The greatest evil which could hap while the British troops total 106,000. The latest figures available here on the military strength of Germany show that a total of 325,000 troops may be quickly mobilized for service. This includes the Reichswehr, known as the real army of the Empire, totaling 250.

The Allied missions in Germany have been put in a serious position by the coulet the mother of the declaring martial law. Government and are in danger of molestation, according to a dispatch from Saarbrücken to the real army of the Empire, totaling 250.

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Embassy Attachés Jubilant

Officials of the German Embassy express the opinior that the new government, is not reactionary. The younger element in the embassy and those connected with the peace delegation are in high spirits over the turn of events, and an in the Hague, based on press dispatches. The first news greated by the department from Berlin, evidently from American Commissioner Ellis L. Dresel, confirming the earlier dispatches.

The following paraphrase of the dispatches from Berlin declaring the government of the empire had ceased to exist, and that the power of the state had passed into the hands of General Director women. While many insist here that the compose going on the uprising, it is strongly indicated in late dispatches. Mathias Erzberger, former Vice-than out there and that Kapp, who is said to be a leader of the reactionary.

Mathias Erzberger, former Vice-than out there and that Kapp, who is said to be a leader of the reactionary dement, is to-day virtually dictator, with a Cabinet in which he is Chancellor and Location and Minister of the forman out there and von Luettwitz Minister of the Assembly dissolved and an allowed and allowed and an allowed and allowed and allowed and allowed

dered to the new government, according to reports received here from Berlin.



General von Luettwitz He displaces Herr Noske as com-mander in chief of the German

army under the new government. Neither Ex-Kaiser

Admiral von Trotha had been dispatched to Doeberitz on Friday night to confer with the troops and admonths them to desist from any violating of Wieringen, where the former Emperor lives, and the Island of Wieringen, where the former Crown Prince makes his residence, are already so closely guarded that it will be absolutely unnecessary for the Dutch government to take further measures to prevent intrigue or their escape. It is learned, however, that J. B. Kan, Secretary General of Holland, who is charged with guarding the former Emperor and Crown Prince, is engaged in conference with the Minister of Justice, having previously consulted officials of the Home Ministry.

HAMBURG March 12—Baron von

ing executive power over greater Ham-burg and the surrounding district.

During the midday lunch period workers in the shipyards at Altona de-cided to cease work and left for Ham-

Denies Recognition

Army Commander Issues

Dr. Kapp Named as Chancellor Retiring President Calls for General Strike as Only Barrier Against

New Headquarters Fixed at Dresden

Return of Wilhelm II

Berlin Quiet Under Control of Soldiers; Business Proceeds as Usual

BERLIN, March 13 .- The government of Friedrich Ebert, the Socialist President of the German Republic, was overthrown to-day by a military coup d'état.

Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, one of the founders of the Fatherland party and general director of the agricultural societies, has ousted Gustav Bauer, the Chancellor, and in taking that office himself has temporarily assumed supreme direction of affairs. General Baron von Luettwitz has been appointed commander in chief of the army, and the National Assembly has been dissolved.

There are now two contending governments in Germany-the new one under Chancellor Kapp, at Berlin, and the old one under President Ebert, at Dresden. Officials of the new government declare that it is not reactionary or monarchist. The President of the old government and his ministers have issued a proclamation calling upon the people to rise in a general strike as the only cans of preventing the return of

Troops Dominate Berlin

Berlin is occupied by the troops of the counter revolution -- to what number is not known - and the throughout the provinces. Masses capital and dominate the situation. the future may bring forth.

edge beforehand of the pending and in as large a quantity as pos- together dependable. Closely Guarded Escape tions taken proved to be entirely inor Intrigue by Fish and Control of the security of the new government. But no one knows what the worker in the marched through the Brandenburg into Berlin is graphically described or Intrigue by Either police and the Noske troops on pa-Is Almost Impossible trol nothing indicated at 3 o'clock this morning that Berlin would wake THE HAGUE, March 13 (By The Asturned out. The President himself turned out. up to find the Ebert government sociated Press).—Neither the former left Berlin with some of his followers two hours after that time.

plicated in the overthrow of the government in Germany so far as can be Admiral von Trotha had been dis-

Wangenheim, superior garrison officer at Altona (on the right bank of the Elbe, adjoining Hamburg on the northwest), has issued a statement announcing the advent of the "imperial government." He declared he is assum Field Marshal von Hindenburg is

reported to be favored by the new Jagow, and General Baron von ers of the counter revolution.

Appeal to the People to ried out rapidly and in apparent or- after consulting his party friends. Save the Republic; Gen- der, there is an undercurrent of anxiety among the people of Berlin short speech to his subordinates, reder, there is an undercurrent of eral Strike at Frankfort as to possible future occurrences. Quested them to continue to perform their duties.

Chancellor's Manifesto Urges Treaty With Honor to Germany

Baltic Troops Back Revolution;

BERLIN, March 13.—Chancellor Kapp, of the new Berlin gov-ernment, and Major General von Luettwitz have issued the follow-

'The overthrow of the government must not be taken as reactionary. On the contrary, it is a progressive measure of patriotic Germans of all parties, with a view to reëstablishing law, order, discipline and honest government in Germany. It is an overdue attempt to lay the foundations for the economic resuscitation of Germany, enabling her to fulfill those conditions of the peace treaty which are reasonable and not self-destructive.

"Inspired by zeal and a desire for the benefit of all the German people, the new government invites heartily the acceptance and coöperation of the independents for the creation and elaboration of laws for the betterment of the working classes."

Referring to the National Assembly, which is declared dissolved, the proclamation says: "Its attempt to postpone the elections and thereby despotically

prolong its mandate is in contradiction to the will of the people. The constitution which has just been adopted is arbitrarily treated by the Assembly as a scrap of paper. The majority of its members would prefer to have the Imperial President elected, not by the whole nation, but by the Parliament." The manifesto charges the Socialist government with over

burdening the people with taxation, failing to create conditions for an increase of production in all lines, suppressing papers which criticize it, and otherwise interfering with personal liberty, and refusing to dissolve the National Assembly and issue writs for "Last, but not least," says the manifesto, "a government

whose chief spokesman is Erzberger must be swept away." It further declares that a change of government is purely an internal affair and a German question, which alone concerns the German people. It promises to use every effort to maintain internal and external peace and prevent a recurrence of the mis-

takes of "a government now happily defunct and obsolete." nolest foreigners, and members of ciated Captain Pabst, a cavalry of-

The ordinary Berliner seems to

ment, will send food to Berlin quickly not only insufficient sible in order to maintain the pres-

Huge Crowd in Streets

prefecture, is crowded with people

relative to the proclamation of martial law is maintained and extended to those parts of the imperial territory not yet affected thereby. The state of siege hitherto existing in the free state of Saxony is at the same time raised.

Police Support Sought

The chief of police, Eugen Ernst. régime as "Imperial President," but replying to the request of General Baden Government thus far he has remained in the von Luettwitz to remain at his post background. The former Minister to prevent disturbances, said that of Foreign affairs, Gottlieb von while it would be to the interest of the fatherland for him to remain To Revolutionists Falkenburg, former Governor Gen- provisionally at his post and do eral of Belgium, are among the lead- everything in his power to avoid civil war and fresh bloodshed, he While the movement has been car- could give his final answer only The deputy chief of police, in a

Counter measures are expected soon, although the Kapp government has government of Baden has issued a proclamation saying that it does not recognize the "reactionary" government who could be reached under arrest.

Wilhelmstrasse Fortified

The following members of the old German that the government of President been arrested: Minister of Justice Noske had come upon traces of a serious plot to overthrow the republican régime. Orders were issued by barbed wire and further protect with field guns and machine to support the administration. General to support the administration of the support to support the administration. General to support the administration of the support to support the administration of the s tioned outside the British Embassy, onist of the republican government, close to the corner. Their flag, Ger- and General von Luettwitz, who was Traub. FRANKFORT, Germany, March 13.

A general strike has been declared here. A great procession of workmen is barading the streets.

Close to the corner. Their mag, Germand, General von Luettwitz, who was many's former naval colors, is leaning command of the first so-called group of Reichswehr, or Empire Depends on a strengt to fense Forces, With them were asso-

the Allied missions find no difficulty ficer of the guard, who had taken a the Spartacist revolt last year. Apparently, despite the precautreat the counter-revolution lightly, tionary measures taken by the gov- with Dr. Schiffer, Vice-President of of troops and naval brigades with but on investigation one finds a generoment, the plot had gone too far to the Imperial Ministry. eral feeling of uneasiness as to what be arrested, as the troops selected for the seizure of Berlin were al-

> The Doeberitz garrison, composed until new elections could be held. Ruhr coal fields and the railway men Gate early in the morning and found by the "Lokal - Anzeiger." Emthe Berlin security police guarding ployees of the Hotel Adlon, it says, the government buildings. They rushed from the hotel, excitedly dismade their peace with the police and cussing the meaning of the appear-Alexanderplatz, near the police then took possession of the build- ance of troops in the streets.

Reichstag and imperial printing that might collect. works. Placards were set up with the notice: "Halt! Any one who goes further will be shot."

The staff of the naval brigade proceeded to the Ministry of Defense, where the formation of the new gov-

street crossings were occupied by paper adds. Regarding the attitude military and guards were stationed in all the roads leading to Berlin. As events proved, these guards and kal-Anzeiger" says that doubtless the government military forces were not disposed to offer serious opposition to the counter-revolutionists.

Two Proclamations Issued

proclamation prepared in advance was issued promising the people freedom and order and dissolving It is understood that the two the National Assembly, declaring naval brigades, which apparently that the Assembly's mission, which were the principal factors in the was to establish a constitution and counter revolution, are to a consid-

It was agnounced that a new Censorship on telegrams going

Assembly Is Dissolved by New Regime; Election Is Promised as Soon as Order Is Restored

People Amazed by **Unexpected Coup**

Munich in Hands of Revolutionists; Revolt Extends Into Provinces

government, "of order, freedom and action," was being formed.

Late to-day the city was still

preserving its usual aspect. Carn movement as though nothing had happened. There was no change in the appearance of Unter den Linde except for the presence of a considerable body of troops at the Brandenburg Gate, the Adlon Hotel and the corner of Unter den Linden and the Wilhelmstrasse.

The proclamation of the new régime appeared at this corner at 10 o'clock in the morning. A mounted soldier, fully armed and helmeted. rode up and presented copies of the document to a small group of people. They flocked around him while the document was read. The proclamation later was read on street corners various parts of the city.

Policy Stated to Press

An official of the newly formed government called a meeting of reping and informed them that the old government no longer existed and had held conversations this morning

The new government, it was fur-It is thought that the Agrarians, rendy on the way, and the force at was a government of constitutional who naturally support the move- the disposal of the government was liberal action, which desired neither itional stage was necessary, he said,

Wherever detachments of few persons who were out of doors this evening, for the most part Noske's troops were garrisoned in at that early hour in Unter den Linworkers, the number of whom is greater Berlin on duty they also den and the Wilhelmstrasse ap-

tanglements were conspicuous, not trances to the streets and that these only there, but also around the patrols should disperse any crowds

The bridges and most important ernment was discussed, the newsof the troops which were occupying the government buildings, the "Lothese troops were ready energetically to oppose any extreme Socialist revolt, but that they would only fight with reluctance, and in some cases. would not fight at all, against troops Upon the arrival of the troops a whom they regarded as comrades.

Old Navy Men Called Out

conclude peace, had been fulfilled, erable extent composed of officers The following members of the old and petty officers of the old German

Minister of Public Worship-Dr. helmeted, were patroling by twos and threes. The other ministers have not as presented an extremely martial ag-